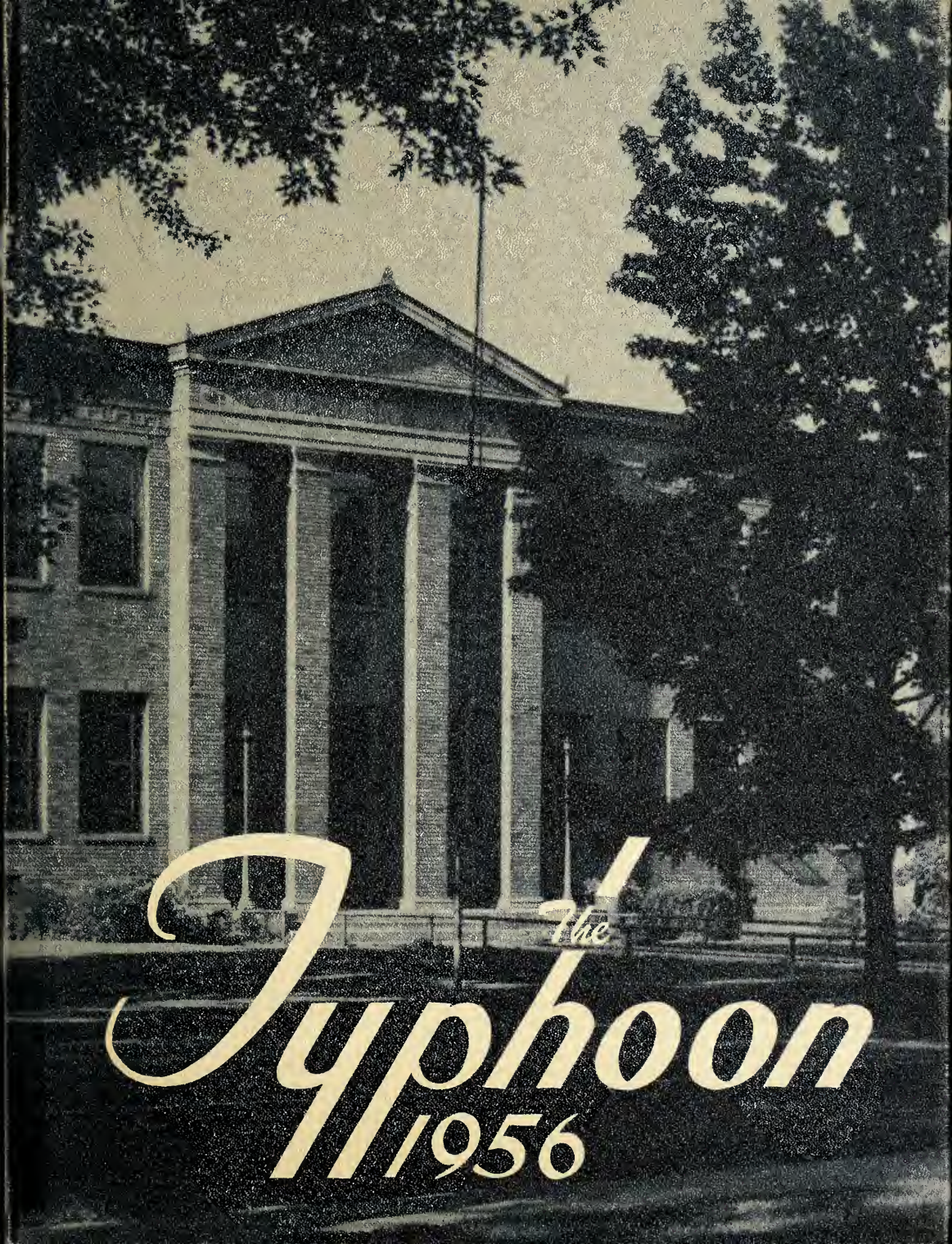
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clubs—music—plays—

Portland, Indiana

Around The Clock at

P.H.S.—

. . . from the moment we come streaming in the doors . . .

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clubs—music—plays—

. . . until the last one of us has gone home . . .

From Morning—

Above, Sandra Bisel, Kay Spencer, and David Marsh mark their ballots for the homecoming queen contest. Below, Mr. Macklin and biology students make an excursion to look for interesting specimens of wild life.

Here are the junior class officers: Wayne Narris, President; Fred Wehrly, Vice-President; Alice Mae Lay, Treasurer; and Sandra Jordan, Secretary.

Senior President Phil Young confers with the other officers—Bill Silvers, Vice-President; Martha Teeters, Treasurer; and Kay Sue Frakes, Secretary.

Duane Theurer, representative from General Motors, speaks to a career day group interested in mechanics.

The day gets off to a flying start with activity period. We attend committee meetings, club gatherings, and work on special class projects. Every corner of the balcony seems to have its group.

Then, off to first period class we go.

Miss Byfield's English II class decorates the bulletin board for Valentine's Day.

Mr. George Glentzer, second semester teacher of commerciol subjects, shows Bob Bond how to clear the tabs.

Phil Young and Dick Meeker bring to life the "Lay on, Macduff!" scene from *Macbeth*.

Academic and commercial subjects, agriculture and industrial arts, home economics and driving—we go from class to class throughout the day. We may change a tire one hour, bisect an angle the next, and conjugate a Spanish verb the next.

Through Classes –

Right, Judy Miller, Esther Iliff, Nancy Harper, and Merikay Malott practice serving a luncheon in foods class.

Below, Mrs. Poindexter oversees Linn Hummel and Phyllis Strack as they dissect fish in a biology class.

Mr. Gashert watches Wallace Wiley try out the new driving car as Jerry Strausburg, Gary Ireland, and Bill McAbee look on.

and activities

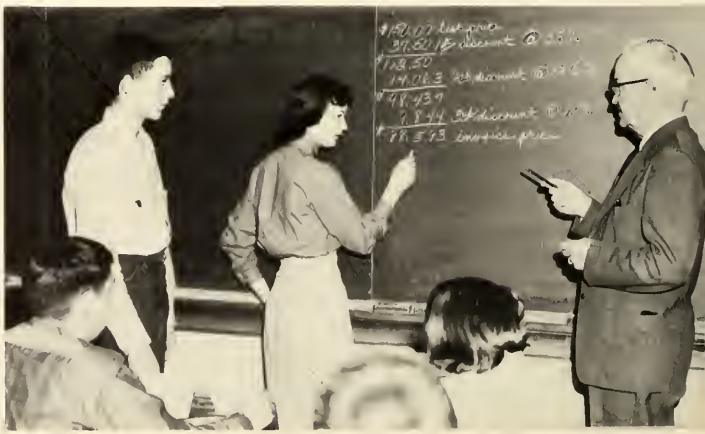
Mr. Mullins explains a bookkeeping problem to Sandra Bisel. Her table-motes are Thelma Thompson, Imogene Franklin, and Phyllis Wolford.

Berna Deane McBride and Jay Hudson write their vocabularies on the board in second year Latin.

Tom Wehrly and Phyllis Carle watch while Mr. Bair (retiring after forty-six years of teaching) corrects an arithmetic problem.

May we take this means, Mr. Bair, of expressing our appreciation to you for your fine contribution to PHS — not only in classes, but also as an efficient business manager for our plays and other money-making projects. By your example of a gentleman, you have taught us much besides math.

Best wishes, Mr. Bair. We hope you enjoy lots of hunting and fishing in your leisure.



Above, Larry Healy turns on the still in chem lab.
Right, above, Jim Hudson and Richard Gilkison demonstrate drafting techniques to algebra students Ron Caldwell, Pat Flauding, and Pat Shawver.
Right, below, a panel in U. S. history class discusses "Do American Teenagers Have Too Much Freedom?"
Belaw, many af us da much af our studying in the library.

To Evening —

Above, the long-awaited annual Y-Teen spring formal.

At right, junior class president Dick Meeker crowns Martha McClung queen of the 1955 junior-senior reception.

Below, "Somewhere over the Rainbow" was the beautiful land created by the juniors for the reception.

Above, absorbing Naval R.O.T.C. information at college night from Petty Officer Fred Shattuc are Charles Ashcraft, Wilbur Linder, Lawerence Kile, Joe Wills, and Carl Grace.

Right, Barbara Ware adjusts the mike at a Saturday night record hop.

Below, the cheer block at the sectional reflects a tense moment for the Panthers.

Stay in line, kids! There'll be a Typhoon for you.

Above, the big night—remember those butterflies in your stomach?

Below, students aren't the anly ones who have lots of paper work.

People

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Mr. George West, Secretary, Mr. Harry Theurer, Treasurer, Mr. D. S. Weller, Mrs. Hugh Ronald, President, Mr. Glenn Hutchens, Mr. Myron Freeman, and four architects (backs to camera), discuss plans for a new school.

Board of Education

A capable, public-spirited group of people comprise the Portland-Wayne Township Board of Education.

We are honored to have our local President, Mrs. Ronald, elected as President of the Indiana School Board's Association. She attended the national meeting held at Atlantic [redacted] bruary.

[redacted] nitectural firm of McGuire [redacted], of Indianapolis, was employed to help study the building problems of Portland, determine what the next unit shall be, and design it.

Mr. Theurer was recently re-appointed for a four year term.

Although faced with the problem of teacher shortage, the board was fortunate to secure capable teachers for all city schools. New high school faculty members this year were Miss Barbara Byfield, Mr. R. Dale Harrod, Mr. Conrad Mullins, Mrs. Mary Jo Poindexter, and Mrs. Marguerite Van Dyke, who taught half-time at the Junior High.

Superintendent

We enjoy our contacts with Mr. Weller and admire him as a man who handles efficiently the tremendous responsibility of running our schools.

D. S. Weller

H. S. Brubaker

Principal

"The real backbone of P. H. S.," someone said, and we know it is true that our school would not be what it is without Mr. Brubaker's leadership.

Clyde R. Bair, A.B., Indiana University—mathematics; business manager of plays.

Howard C. Berry, B.S., M.A., Bowling Green State University—industrial arts; track and ass't football coach; senior class co-sponsor.

Faculty

Barbara Byfield, A.B., Bethany College—English, Spanish; ass't Y-Teen sponsor; Spanish Club sponsor.

H. Paul Brown, A.B., DePauw University — instrumental music; band director.

Crystal Cheek, A.B., M.A., Ball State Teachers College—commerce.

Donald J. Cromer, B.S., Purdue University—veteran vo-ag.

Sparkle Crowe, A.B., Franklin College—guidance, Bible, social studies; Y-Teen sponsor.

William Goshert, B.S., Manchester College—English, drivers' education, general mathematics; senior class co-sponsor; football and freshman basketball coach.

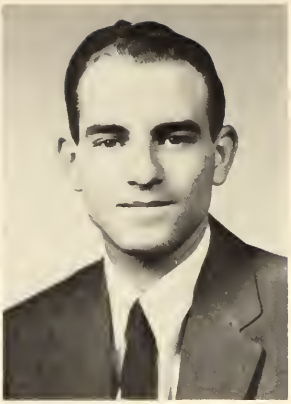
Faculty

R. Dale Harrod, B.M., Jordan College; M.M., Indiana University—vocal music; Hi-Y sponsor.

Phama Hudson, B.S., M.A., Ball State Teachers College—health and home economics; [illegible] sponsor; junior class co-sponsor.

Margaret Lawson, B.S., Ball State Teachers College—physical education, health and safety, alcohol and narcotics; G.A.A. sponsor.

Iris Longley, B.S., Ohio State University—social studies; Student Council sponsor.



Paul R. Macklin, B.S., Purdue University — biology, agriculture; F.F.A. sponsor.

Conrad Mullins, B.S., Ball State Teachers College — commerce; P.H.Spirit adviser.

Faculty

Thelma Parks, A.B., M.A., Ball State Teachers College—Latin, social studies, J.C.L. sponsor.

Mary Jo Poindexter, B.S., [illegible] University — biology, home economics.

Ralph D. Settle, A.B., M.A., Ball State Teachers College—science, junior play director.

Homer H. Smith, B.S., Ball State Teachers College—drafting, mathematics.

Helen Stevenson, A.B., Indiana University — English; Typhoon adviser.

Iris Turner, B.S., Ball State Teachers College; M.A., Columbia University—art.

Faculty

Marguerite Van Dyke, A.B., Ball State Teachers College—English.

Harold Wallace, B.S., Central Normal College; M.A., Ball State Teachers College—physical education, health and safety; basketball and baseball coach; junior class co-sponsor.

Hattie White, A.B., Indiana University—English; P.H.Spirit adviser.

Elsie Zuercher, A.B., Indiana University; M.A., Ball State Teachers College—library.

Seniors

Suzanne Fleming Abromson—College Preparatory—JCL 1; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2; Robed Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Y-Teen 1, 2, 3, 4; Y-Teen Cabinet 2, 3, 4; Cheerleader Com. 3; P. H. Spirit 3; Typhoon Editor 4.

Patricia Ann Armstrong—Commercial—Chorus 2, 3; Y-Teen 3.

Patricia Ann Arnold—General— Y-Teen 1, 2, 4; Chorus 1.

Charles F. Ashcraft—College Preparatory—Hi-Y 2; Football 1, 2, 3.

Jayne Anne Ashley—General—Student Council Rep. 4; Chorus 1; Y-Teen 1, 2, 3, 4.

Robert D. Bailey—Industrial Arts—Student Council Rep. 1, 2, 3, 4; Hi-Y 1, 2, 3, 4; Hi-Y Treas. 4.

Richard William Baldauf—General—Student Council Rep. 1; Boys' Chorus 1, 2; FFA 1, 2, 3; Chorus 1, 2; Robed Choir 2; Track 3.

Leroy O. Ballard—General—Pennville High School 1.

Wanda Lucile Bechdolt—General—Gray High School 1, 2; P. H. Spirit 3.

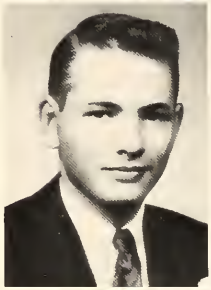
Carol Elaine Bibler—General—JCL 1; Chorus 3; P. H. Spirit 3; Y-Teen 1, 2, 3, 4.

Sandra Kay Bisel—College Preparatory—Band 2, 3, 4; Chorus 3; P. H. Spirit 3; GAA 2, 3, 4; Y-Teen 1, 2, 3, 4.

Thelma Blodgett—General.

Jerry Wayne Bond—College Preparatory—Band 1, 2, 3; Orchestra 1, 2, 3; Hi-Y 4.

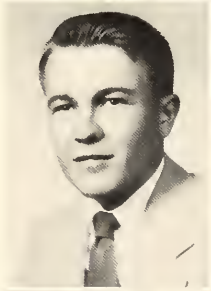
Robert Dale Bond—General—Boys' Chorus 4; Hi-Y 3.



Herbert Lee Bone—Industrial Arts—Boys' Chorus 1; Chorus 1, 2, 3; Robed Choir 2.

William Lewis Boughman—Agricultural—Boys' Chorus 1, 2, 3; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4; Hi-Y 1, 2.

Charles Fredrick Bragg—General—Student Council Rep. 4; Boys' Chorus 3; Class Play 3; Hi-Y 1, 2, 3, 4; Hi-Y Pres. 4; Varsity "P" 2, 3, 4; Student Manager, Baseball 2; Football 2, 3, 4.



Virginia Ann Braun—Commercial—Y-Teen 4.

Clyde Allen Bray—Industrial Arts—Hi-Y 1, 2; Varsity "P" 2; Football 2, 3; Track 1, 2.

Marjorie Elizabeth Brown—General.

John William Browne—College Preparatory—Student Council Rep. 1, 4; Class Play 3; P.H. Spirit 3; Hi-Y 1, 2, 3, 4; Hi-Y Sec. 2, 4; Track 1, 2, 3.

Lanny Ricardo Brubaker—College Preparatory—Student Council Rep. 3; Basketball (2nd team) 3; Track 1, 3; Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; Hi-Y Vice-Pres. 4; Varsity "P" 3.

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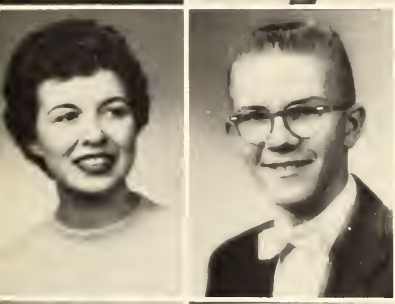

Seniors

Sharon Jo Butcher—General—Student Council Rep. 3; Class Play 3; Band 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2; Robed Choir 1; P. H. Spirit 3, 4; GAA 2, 3, 4; Y-Teen 1, 2, 3, 4.

Elizabeth Kay Calhoun—College Preparatory—Student Council Rep. 1, 2; JCL 1, 2; Band 1, 2, 3; Chorus 2, 3, 4; Robed Choir 4; GAA 2, 3; Y-Teen 1, 2, 3, 4.

Donna Jean Carlson—College Preparatory—Student Council Rep. 1, 3; Class Play 3; JCL 1; Band 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3; Robed Choir 1, 4; Y-Teen 1, 2, 3, 4; Y-Teen Cabinet 3.

Mary Lou Champ—Commercial—Band 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2; Robed Choir 1; P. H. Spirit 3, 4; GAA 2; Y-Teen 1, 2, 3, 4; Band Sec. 4.

Ronald D. Compton—Industrial Arts—Varsity "P" 3, 4; Golf 3; Baseball 3, 4.

Virginia Joann Conway—General—Dunkirk High School 1, 2; Student Council Rep. 3; Band 3; GAA 3, 4; Y-Teen 3, 4.

Terry Max Degler—Agricultural—FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 2.

Audrey Beth Fifer—General—GAA 1.

Kay Sue Frakes—College Preparatory—Student Council Rep. 3; Auditorium Com. 4; Class Sec. 4; Cheerleader Com. 4; Band 1, 2, 3; Chorus 1, 2; Typhoon Staff 4; Y-Teen 1, 2, 3, 4.

Ruth Imogene Franklin—Commercial—Band 1, 2; Chorus 1; P. H. Spirit 1, 2; GAA 1, 2; Y-Teen 1, 2, 3, 4.

Myra Jane Freeman—General—Student Council Rep. 1, 3; Class Play 3; Cheerleader Com. 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 2, 3, 4; Robed Choir 2, 3, 4; Y-Teen 1, 2, 3, 4; Y-Teen Pres. 4; Y-Teen Vice-Pres. 3.

Sarah Jane Fry—General—Class Play 3; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Y-Teen 1, 2, 3, 4; Y-Teen Cabinet 4.

Elizabeth G. Gagle—College Preparatory—JCL 1, 2; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Typhoon Staff 4; Y-Teen 1, 2, 3, 4; P. H. Spirit 3.

Jack R. Gettinger—General—FFA 1, 2, 3.

Patsy Joann Gibson—General—Chorus 2, 3; P. H. Spirit 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; GAA Vice-Pres. 4; Y-Teen 1, 2, 3, 4.

Wilma Jeane Gierhart—General—Band 1, 2, 3, 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4.

Margaret Ann Gigandet—Commercial—Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Y-Teen 2, 3, 4.

Richard Lee Gilkison—General—Bryant High School 1, 2, 3.

Clara Louise Gillette—Home Economics—Chorus 1, 2, 3; Robed Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Y-Teen 3, 4.

Jane Ellen Glassburn—College Preparatory—Student Council Rep. 1, 4; Chorus 1; GAA 1; Y-Teen 1, 2, 3, 4.

Larry Duane Green—General—Football 2, 3, 4; Varsity "P" 3, 4.

Hugh Preston Grider—General.

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Seniors

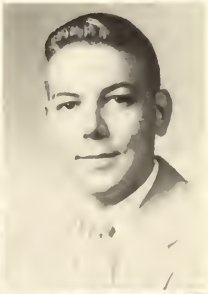
Phyllis Ann Haffner—Commercial—Student Council Rep. 2; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; P. H. Spirit 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; GAA Treas. 3; Y-Teen 1, 2, 3, 4.

Nancy Ann Hafner—Commercial—Chorus 1; GAA 1; Y-Teen 1, 2, 3, 4.

Roberta Nell Haines—General—Chorus 1; Y-Teen 4.

Reuben Odell Hedges—General—FFA 1; Track 3; Basketball (2nd team) 2; Basketball (1st team) 3, 4; Varsity "P" 3.

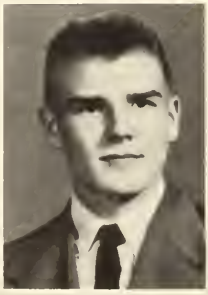
Carl Edward Heidegger—Agricultural—FFA 1, 2, 3, 4.



Howard Norman Hill—College Preparatory—Boys' Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3; Robed Choir 1, 2; Hi-Y 1, 2, 3, 4.

Carl Fredrick Hinshaw—General.

James R. Hudson—General—Bryant High School 1, 2; Student Council Rep. 3; Cheerleader Com. 4; Track 3; Varsity "P" 3.



Phillip H. Huey—General—Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Hi-Y 1, 2; Hi-Y Chaplain 1, 2; Track 1, 2.

Betty Louise Hummer—Commercial—JCL 2; GAA 1; Y-Teen 1, 2, 3, 4.

Jon E. Kimmel—General—Hartford City High School 1,2,3.

Phyllis Eileen Kober—General—Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; GAA 2, 3; Y-Teen 1, 2, 3, 4.

Keith L. Kochersperger—College Preparatory—Student Council Rep. 4; Class Play 3; JCL 1, 2; Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; Auditorium Com. 3.

Arthur Leroy Kohler—General—FFA 1, 2, 3; Hi-Y 3; Football 3, 4; Varsity "P" 4.

David Russell Kropp—College Preparatory—Chorus 1; Hi-Y 1, 2, 3, 4.

James R. Landers—General—Boys' Chorus 4; Chorus 1; Football 2.

Joan Agnes Laux—College Preparatory— JCL 1, 2; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Y-Teen 1, 2, 3, 4; JCL Aedile 1 2.

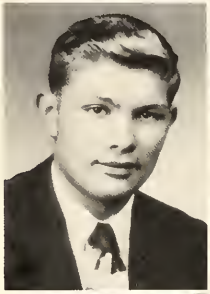
Phyllis Ann Lay—General—Chorus 1, 2, 3; Robed Choir 1, 2; P. H. Spirit 3, 4; Y-Teen 1, 2, 3, 4; Second Team Cheerleader 2.

Carl Edward Lee—Agricultural—FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 2, 3.

Roger J. Lee—General—Football 2, 3, 4; Varsity "P" 2, 3, 4.

Juanita Faye LeMaster—College Preparatory—Student Council Rep. 1, 4; Class Play 3; Class Sec.-Treas. 3; Chorus 1, 2; Y-Teen 1, 2, 3, 4; Y-Teen Treas. 4.

Gloria Ann Linder—College Preparatory—Class Play 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Orchestra 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3; Robed Choir 3, 4; P. H. Spirit 4; Y-Teen 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity Cheerleader 3, 4; Convocation Com. 4.



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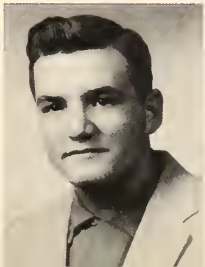
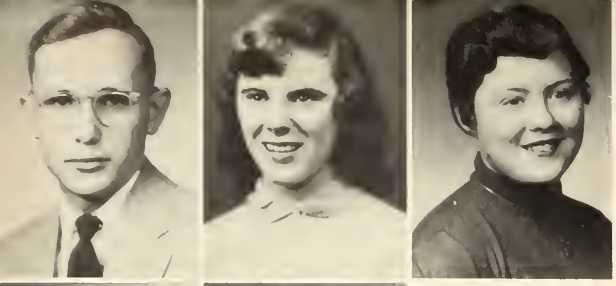
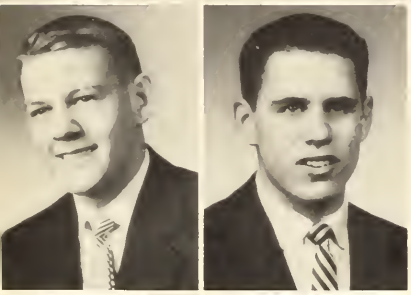
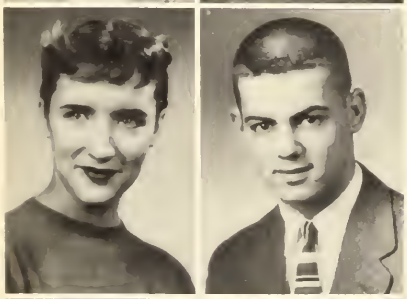
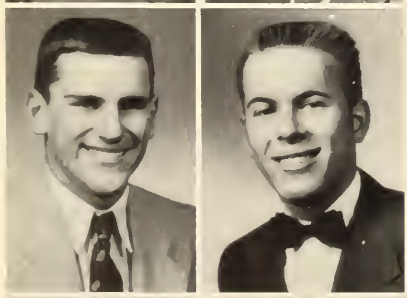










Seniors

John Carl Logan—Agricultural—Boys' Chorus 2, 3, 4; Class Play 3; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; FFA Treas. 4; Chorus1, 2, 3, 4; Robed Choir 1, 2.

Marjorie Jean Lykins—General—Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; P. H. Spirit 3; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Y-Teen 1, 2, 3, 4.

Nancy Jane McFarland—General—JCL 1; Chorus 1, 2, 3; P. H. Spirit 3; Y-Teen 1, 2, 3, 4; Y-Teen Cabinet 4.

David Allen Marsh—Industrial Arts—Student Council Rep. 4; Boys' Chorus 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2; Robed Choir 1, 2; Hi-Y 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball (2nd team) 2; Football 2, 3, 4; Baseball 2; Varsity "P" 2, 3, 4.

Richard Jay Meeker—College Preparatory—Student Council Rep. 1, 2, 3; Student Council Pres. 4; Auditorium Com. 1; Boys' Chorus 3, 4; Class Pres. 3; Class Play 3; Cheerleader Com. 2, 3; JCL 1, 2; Chorus 1, 2, 3; Robed Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Golf 3; Typhoon Staff 4; P.H. Spirit 2, 3; Hi-Y 1, 2, 3, 4; Hi-Y Chaplain 4; Hi-Y Sergeant-at-Arms 3; Baseball 3; Football 3, 4; Basketball (2nd team) 1, 2; Basketball (1st team) 3, 4; Varsity "P" 3, 4.

Charles Clinton Meinerding—College Preparatory—Hi-Y 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 2, 3, 4; Varsity "P" 4.

Joy Jean Moody—College Preparatory—Student Council Rep. 3, 4; JCL 1; Chorus 1, 2, 3; Robed Choir 2; Typhoon Staff 4; P. H. Spirit 2, 3, 4; GAA 1, 2, 3; Y-Teen 1, 2, 3, 4; Y-Teen Cabinet 4.

Norma J. Murphy—Commercial—Bryant High School 1, 2, 3; Chorus 4; P. H. Spirit 4; Y-Teen 4.

Fredrick D. Pensinger, Jr.—General—Chorus 1, 2, 3; Robed Choir 1, 2; Baseball 2; Track 1; Football 4; Baseketball (2nd team) 2; Basketball (1st team) 3, 4; Varsity "P" 2, 3, 4.

Larry Vernon Poole—General—Football 4; Baseball 3; Track 2; Basketball (1st team) 4; Varsity "P" 2, 3, 4.

Robert A. Porter—General—Hi-Y 1.

Judith Ann Price—College Preparatory—JCL 1, 2; P. H. Spirit 3, 4; Y-Teen 1, 2, 3, 4.

David Frazier Rathbun—General—Boys' Chorus 4; Class Play 3; Hi-Y 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Manager, Football 4; Track 1, 2.

Clark Lee Rhodehamel—General—Hi-Y 3.

Richard Lee Rice—College Preparatory—FFA 1; P. H. Spirit 3; Hi-Y 1, 2, 3, 4.

Anita Jane Sawicki—Commercial—Chorus 1; P. H. Spirit 3; GAA 1, 2; Y-Teen 1, 2, 3.

Rosalie May Schabacker—General—Chorus 3; P. H. Spirit 3; GAA 1, 2; Y-Teen 1, 3, 4.

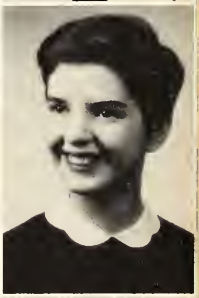
Rosalda Marie Schaffer—Commercial—GAA 1; Y-Teen 1, 2, 3, 4.

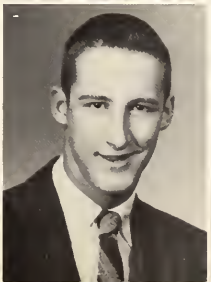
William L. Segraves—General.

Jerry Lee Shirk—General.

William Lewis Silvers—Commercial—Student Council Rep. 1, 4; Boys' Chorus 3, 4; Class Vice-Pres. 4; Cheerleader Com. 4; Robed Choir 2, 3; Hi-Y 4; Basketball (1st team) 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 3, 4; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Varsity "P" 1, 2, 3, 4.

Sandra Carolyn Smiley—General—Student Council Rep. 2, 3; Cheerleader Com. 2; JCL 1; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; P. H. Spirit 3; 4; Y-Teen 1, 2, 3, 4.





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Seniors

Florence Kay Smith—Commercial—Chorus 1, 2; Robed Choir 1; P. H. Spirit 3, 4; Y-Teen 1, 3, 4.

Paul Max Snow—Industrial Arts—FFA 1, 2, 3.

Elizabeth Ann Starr—General—Class Play 3; Orchestra 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Robed Choir 1, 2; Typhoon Staff 4; P. H. Spirit 3, 4; Y-Teen 1, 2, 3, 4.

Larry Joe Stephen—Industrial Arts.

Ruth Ann Stevens—General—Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 2, 3; P. H. Spirit 3; GAA 1, 2, 3; Y-Teen 1, 2, 3, 4.

Phyllis Ann Strauss—Commercial—Band 2, 3, 4; Orchestra 2, 3, 4; Y-Teen 1, 2, 3, 4.

Hugh M. Strohl—College Preparatory—Student Council Rep. 3; Student Council Vice-Pres. 4; Class Vice-Pres. 3; Class Play 3; Chorus 2; Football 2, 3, 4; Baseball 2, 3; Varsity "P" 3.

Martha Kay Teeters—General—Student Council Rep. 1; Class Treas. 4; Chorus 1; GAA 1; Y-Teen 1, 2, 3, 4.

Thelma Faye Thompson—General—Frankfort High School 1; P. H. Spirit 3; Y-Teen 2, 3, 4.

Sondra Sue Traxler—Commercial—GAA 1; Y-Teen 1.

Larry Lee VanSkyock—Agricultural—FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 3; Basketball (2nd team) 2; Basketball (1st team) 3, 4; Varsity "P" 3, 4.

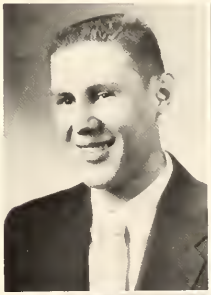
Barbara Ann Vold—College Preparatory—JCL 1, 2; Orchestra 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Robed Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Typhoon Staff 4; GAA 1; Y-Teen 1, 2, 3, 4.

Brenda Lou Waitley—College Preparatory—JCL 2, 3; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Y-Teen 1, 2, 3, 4.

Barbara Jean Ware—College Preparatory—JCL 1; Student Council Rep. 4; Class Play 3; Band 2, 3, 4; Orchestra 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2; Y-Teen 1, 2, 3, 4; Y-Teen Sec. 4.

Priscilla Warnock—College Preparatory—Class Play 3; Cheerleader Com. 3, 4; JCL 1, 2; Band 3; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Robed Choir 1, 2, 4; GAA 3; Y-Teen 1, 2, 3, 4.

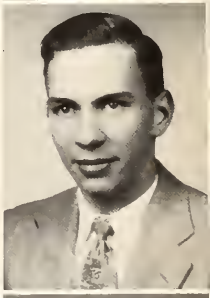
Robert Owen Waters—General—Boys' Chorus 4; JCL 1; Band 1; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Robed Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Hi-Y 1; Football 2.



James Howard Whittington—General—Boys' Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; FFA 1, 2, 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 2, 3, 4; Robed Choir 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2; Band Pres. 4; Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4.

Darrel N. Williamson—College Preparatory—Hi-Y 1, 2, 3, 4.

Joe Emerson Wills—Agricultural—Greenville, Ohio, High School 1, 2, 3; Boys' Chorus 4; FFA 4.



Phyllis Joan Wolford—Commercial—GAA 1.

Janice Eileen Woodbury—College Preparatory.

Philip D. Young—College Preparatory— Student Council Rep. 3, 4; Class Pres. 4; JCL 1, 2; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Robed Choir 1, 2, 3; Basketball (2nd team) 3; Football 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3; Varsity "P" 4.

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Junior

Jerry Adams
Raymond Addington
Linda Armstrong
Gordan Arnold

Clyde Barger
Susan Beard
Martha Bell
Gary Binford

Janice Blackford
Glenn Bond
Paul Bonifas
Melvin Boxell

Shirley Braun
Marylee Brigham
Ida Pearl Brown
Madonna Brown

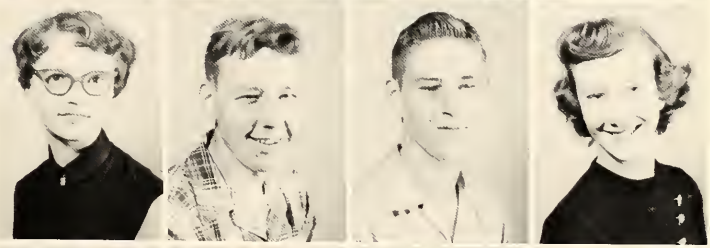
Ronald Brown
Phillip Burroughs
Charles Calhoun
Annabelle Carle

Class

Diana Craw
Laren Cummins
Patrick Cummins
Larry DeBoy

Carolyn Denney
Thelma Evans
Richard Farber
Frances Lau Garcia

Patricia Gavin
James Gibson
Carl Gierhart
Jayce Gillum



Sam Glessner
Phillip Goodman
Jayce Gullett
Max Haffner

David Hafner
Freddie Jayce Hammitt
Sally Hartnagle
Larry Hastings

Junior

Judith Holly
Michael Hull
Arlene Hummel
Ronald Hummer

Larry Imel
Gary Ireland
Susan Isenhart
Marilyn Jack

James Jackson
Judith Jacobs
Ruby Johnsan
Sandra Jordan

Duane Kaderly
Patricia Kegerreis
Howard Kelly
Melinda Kessler

Joyce King
Richard Kropp
Alice Mae Loy
Charlotte Leonard

Class

Joseph Louks
Judith Lutz
Dianne Lykins
Rita Macy

Fredrick Martin
James Martin
Rosa Lou Mason
William McAbee

Martha Meehan
Marsha Mendenhall
Carol Miller
George Miller

Lee Miller
Marilyn Miller
Pati Ann Miller
Jane Montgomery

Lewis Montgomery
Janice Myers
Sarah Naas
Wayne Norris

Junior

William Pyle
Madeleine Rappe
Joyce Resur
Richard Ridgway

Daniel Rines
Avanelle Rippey
Joan Robbins
John Robbins

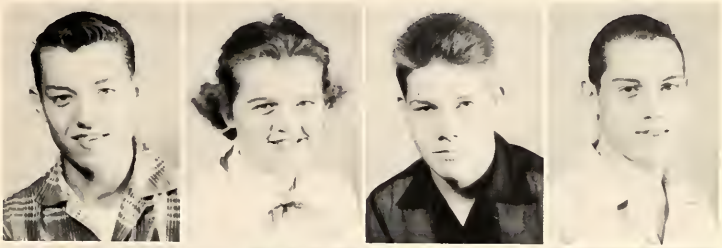
Jess Roll, Jr.
Frances Ross
Rabert Runkle
Ranald Runyon

Marjorie Sanders
Donald Schlosser
David Schramm
Beth Sherman

Melvin Smith
Duane Snyder
Esta Spencer
Kay Spencer

Class

John Stipp
Elaine Stout
Herbert Strattan
Jerry Strausburg



Mark Stump
Marilyn Tobias
Barbara Trobridge
Richard Trabridge

Shirley Tyndall
Frederick Wehrly
John Wehrly
Kay Wendel

Jack White
Alice Whittington
Wallace Wiley
Edward Williams

Sue Wishon
Rabert Wright
Jahn Zimmerman
Norma Jean Zorn

Not Pictured:
Larry Healy

Sophomores

Barbara Aker
Sylvia Arnold
Jerry Bailey

Sharan Bailey
John Bash
Lois Bash

Marilyn Beech
Marilyn Bellis
Irma Bond

Beth Ann Bright
Evelyn Brown
Robert Brown
William Brown

Lynn Brubaker
Mary Lau Burkholder
Carolyn Ann Butcher
Carolyn Byrum

Gloria Cheesemon
Michael Conway
Phyllis Corle
Dorothy Day

Judith Dilworth
Thomas DuJardin
Linda Ellsworth
Richard Elmore

Sharron Florence
Richard Frank
Constance Franklin
Larry Franks

William Freeman
Dorothy Gast
Carolyn Gegenheimer
Dixie Gettinger

Donald Gillespie
Janice Goodrich
Oneida Greer

Darryl Grove
Phillip Hanlin
Harold Heidegger

Dixie Heniser
Janice Hilleary
Jay Hinshaw

Sophomores

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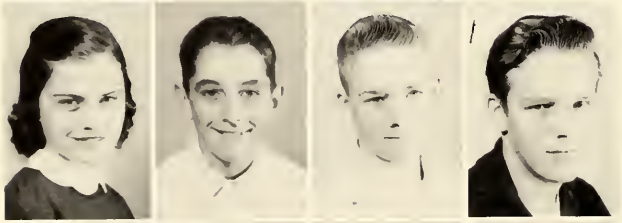
Martha Hodgson
Mary Hodgson
Robert Holley

Anita Kay Holmes
Linda Howard
Barry Hudson

Jay Hudson
Jaseph Hummel
Lois Hummel



Mary Kay Hummer
Paul Hutzler
Ernest Imel
Frank Inman

Larry Jackson
John Jaqua
Judy Nelle Jenney
David Johnson

Larry Journay
Thomas Kennedy
Nila Kile
Ronald Kistler

Marjorie Kohler
Larry Lanning
Amanda Lee
Patricia Linder

Raymond Looker
Lais Jane Lotz
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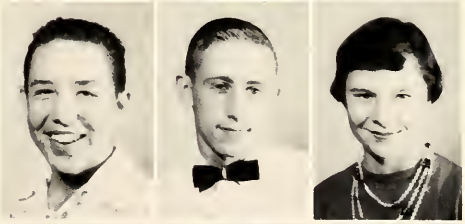
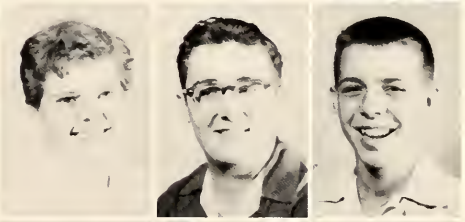
Diane Ludy

Anne Luginbill
Nat Lykins
Berna Deane McBride
Stephen McClung

Edward McKinley
Philip Maitlen
Jeannine Mangold



Carol Mast
William Milligan
Jerry Mock



Shirley Nuckols
Beverly Ann Olson
Alan Olson

Sophomores

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Charles Osborn
Wanda Pensinger
John David Plummer

Janet Poling
Phyllis Pusey
Janice Pyle

John Pyle
Sharon Reitenour
Gary Rice

Annelle Rines
Lois Rines
Rachel Rines
Ronald Rudrow

Gary Runyon
Judy Rupe
Shirley Saunders
Eileen Settle

Ruth Ann Shirk
Jeannette Smith
Rosalie Spohr
Barbara Starlin

Melvin Starr
Patricia Steed
Richard Steveson
Vernon Stipp

Judy Stoner
Sandra Stookey
Donald Suttan
Ruth Ann Theurer

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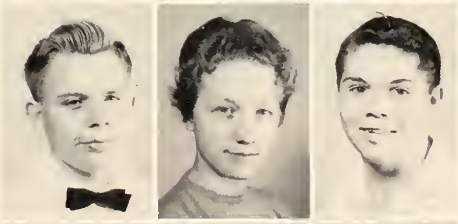
Gerald Whitenack
Linda Williams
Arthur Wilson



Jane Wright
Marcella Yaney
William Zuercher

Sophomores

Freshmen

Row 1: Deola Addington, Patricia Ames, Shirley Armstrong, Thomas Armstrong, Lucretia Arnold, Jerry Bailey; Row 2: Mary Bailey, Patricia Bailey, Thomas Bailey, David Baldauf, Larry Baldauf, William Banta; Row 3: Richard Bash, Robert Bash, Ronald Bashia, Joy Baxter, Douglas Beals, Rebecca Beard; Row 4: Phyllis Bears, William Bolding, Lawrence Bond, Ann Bone, Leslie Bourne, Michael Bowen; Row 5: Janice Boxell, Merle Boyd, Robert Boyd, Sandra Breymier, Dorothy Bricker, Richard Brumbaugh; Row 6: Neva Bustos, Joy Butcher, Larry Butcher, Clair Bye.

Freshmen

Row 1: Ronald Caldwell, Sonja Campbell, Rebecca Chittum, John Cline, Jerry Codling, Marilyn Sue Darby; Row 2: Rex DeBoy, Patricia Degler, Thomas Derringer, Judith Ducy, Jeffrey Ehrhart, Karen Ellenberger; Row 3: Janet Elliot, Clara Emery, Toniann Fennig, Estella Fifer, Patricia Flauding, Thomas Frakes; Row 4: Marilyn Sue Frank, Jack Franklin, Jay Franklin, Frank Franks, Diane French, Harry Fry; Row 5: Wayne Gibson, Lewis Gillespie, Carl Grace, Linda Greaf, Gary Green, Helen Haines; Row 6: Nancy Harper, David Hilfiker, Lulu Hittle, David Huey.

Freshmen

Row 1: Sandra Hughes, Linn Hummel, Judith Hunt, Esther Iliff, Sharan Iliff, Robert Ingle; Row 2: Lee Inman, James Irelan, Gail Ireland, Stanley Kessler, Jack Kikendall, Lawrence Kile; Row 3: Diane Kinsey, Thomas Kirk, Jan Koch, Nora Landers, Valera Lehman, Wilbur Linder; Row 4: Iva Nell Logan, Gary Loy, Jeannette Lay, Russell McAbee, Peggy McCormick, Arlie McWilliams; Row 5: Merikay Malott, Cheryl Martin, Michael Martin, James Miller, Judy Miller, Milo Miller; Row 6: Richard Miller, Michael Minch, Mary Monroe, William Moore.

Freshmen

Row 1: Erma Morgan, Jerry Morehous, Darrell Myers, William Myers, Daniel Nelson, David Nelson; Row 2: Emmajean Pensinger, James Penrod, Patricia Peterson, David Priest, Diane Priest, Shirley Puckett; Row 3: Jerry Pyle, Thomas Reichard, Robert Reidenback, Keith Rinker, Autumn Robbins, Barbara Robbins; Row 4: James Robson, Stephen Ronald, Barbara Rush, Michael Sager, Anita Sanders, Karen Sanders; Row 5: Mary Schneider, Nancy Schramm, Jack Segraves, Patricia Shawver, Harold Shepherd, Philip Shreeve; Row 6: Roger Shull, Larry Schultz, Elnora Slick, Lucy Smith.

Freshmen

Row 1: Max Smith, Robert Smith, Clark Snyder, Daniel Snyder, Betty Stahl, Jerry Stansbury; Row 2: True Steed, Wilma Stevenson, James Stipp, Susan St. Myers, Diana Strausburg, Mary Ann Stroble; Row 3: Phyllis Strock, Linda Tatman, Dessie Teeters, Garold Thomas, Larry Thomas, Janet Timmons; Row 4: Edward Towell, Barbara Tullis, Marilyn Turner, Robert Uhrick, Robert Ware, Rebecca Warnock; Row 5: Stanley Waters, Jean Watson, Alice Wetzler, Richard Wiley, Richard Williams, Goldie Wolford; Row 6: Kay Sue Wood, James Wright, Jerry Wrightsman, Kathleen Zuercher.

Not Pictured: Janet Shirk
James Weaver

Sports

This year the cheerleader committee came up with something new—a homecoming celebration complete with floats, queen, honor team, and dance.

Much credit goes to Pat Warnock, general chairman of the committees who spearheaded the project. In spite of the rain, which poured down in bucketfuls, over 6,000 people watched the parade of 30 floats.

Homecoming

Upper left: Pat Warnock, cheerleader committee chairman, meets with Kay Frakes, Anita Holmes, Marilyn Jack, and Janie Montgomery for last minute plans for homecoming.

Upper right: Other committee members listen as Mr. Brown explains parade plans. Front row: Mrs. Crowe, Mrs. Hudson, Mr. Berry; middle row: David Schramm, Mrs. Lawson, Beth Bright, Myra Freeman; back row: Barry Hudson, Bill Silvers, Wayne Norris, Jim Hudson.

Cheerleaders Ann Linder, Patty Kegerreis, and Jeannine Mangold keep our spirits high.

Members of the honor team of 1955 accept ovation at halftime—Bob Smith, Herb McKee, Ralph Lutz, Ward Weisel, Clyde Beeler, Harold Spahr, Jim Hardy, Jim Burkett, John Ray, Joe Hall, Max Aker, Coach Wallace, Jim Frakes.

A big moment in the celebration came at half time. Results of the contest for queen had been kept strictly hush-hush until Beth Sherman, junior, stepped forward to receive the honor of reigning over the 1955 homecoming.

Also honored at half time were the undefeated, untied, unscored-upon Panthers of 1945.

Highlights

Upper left: Pretty girls add color to the Root Beer Stand float.

Upper right: The four beautiful queen candidates—Patricia Peterson, freshmon; Judy Stoner, sophomore; Beth Sherman, junior; and Ann Linder, senior.

Right: Enthusiastic rooters swarm over an old decorated jalopy.

Below: Many organizations of the community entered floats. Two are, left, Psi Iota Xi; and right, Gamma Nu.

Football

Coach Bill Goshert

The 1955 football Panthers enjoyed an impressive season under the expert coaching of Bill Goshert. Howard Berry was assistant coach, and John Conley, 1952 P.H.S. alumni and student teacher from Ball State, coached the freshman team.

From the opening kickoff against Fairmount to the closing touchdown with Bluffton, the spirit of the squad and fans was high. At every home game, special half-time activities—Jr-Hi Night, Band Night, and Parents' Night—kept up our pep. The big homecoming game with Hartford City drew an estimated 2,500 spectators out into the rain to watch the Panthers come from behind (with less than 2 minutes to play) to squeak out a 9-7 victory over the big Airedales.

The team selected as honorary co-captains Bill Silvers and Art Kohler, and at the post-season banquet voted Dick Elmore and Jerry Strausburg the most valuable players. Wayne Norris, Bill Silvers, and Fred Pensinger made the all-conference first team; and Dick Elmore, Jerry Strausburg, and Fred Martin, the second team. Bill Silvers, high-scoring halfback, was chosen on the sports writers' all-state team.

Football Squad—Back Row: Ireland (st. mgr.), Strausburg, Schlosser, Trobridge, Snyder, Williams, Elmore, Pyle, Starr, Runyon, Rathbun (st. mgr.), Middle Row: John Conley (st. mgr.), Coach Bill Goshert, Pensinger, Binford, Farber, Martin, Meinerding, Norris, Runkle, Ass't Coach Howard Berry. Front Row: Bragg, Green, Kohler, Lee, Marsh, Meeker, Poole, Silvers, Young.

Schedule

Portland	18	Fairmount	0	T
Portland	47	Winchester	0	H
Portland	6	Royerton	25	T
Portland	9	Hartford City	7	H
Portland	19	Decatur	6	H
Portland	21	Mississinewa	6	H
Portland	13	Coldwater	32	T
Portland	0	Bluffton	6	T

Left: Elmore scores one of the Panthers' seven touchdowns against Winchester.

Below: Season ends with football banquet at the Youth Center.

Bottom: Look at that line-blocking as Strausburg plunges for another touchdown!

Coach Walloce, Eddie Williams, Dick Meeker, Bill Silvers, Fred Pensinger, Larry VanSkyock, Larry Poole, Vernon Stipp, Eddie McKinley, Ronnie Runyon, Richard Elmore, Robert Runkle (student manager).

Basketball

The Panthers placed second in the rugged Mississinewa Valley Conference with a 3 win, 1 loss record. Bill Silvers, a Panther stalwart for four years, was second among the county scorers with a 19 plus average per game.

Coach Wallace eyes the Panthers in a work-out.

SCORES AND SCHEDULE

H	Portland	77	Unior City	74	(overtime)
H	Portland	82	Berne	79	
T	Portland	84	Royerton	82	
H	Portland	48	Mississinewa	82	
T	Portland	68	Dunkirk	69	
T	Portland	62	Hagerstown	60	
H	Portland	60	Hartford City	61	
T	Portland	51	Dunkirk	56	(Big Four)
T	Portland	80	Pennville	42	
H	Portland	72	Winchester	68	
T	Portland	77	Poling	57	(County at Pennville)
T	Portland	55	Pennville	35	(County at Pennville)
T	Portland	58	Redkey	50	(County at Pennville)
T	Portland	72	Montpelier	80	
H	Portland	81	Fairmount	54	
H	Portland	61	Coldwater	72	
T	Portland	71	Albany	61	
T	Portland	80	Redkey	57	(at Dunkirk)
T	Portland	56	Decatur	76	
H	Portland	70	Bluffton	77	
T	Portland	65	Roll	67	(Sectional at Hartford City)

Season Record: 11 wins — 10 losses

Upper left, varsity cheersters, Linder, Kegerreis, and Mangold (not shown) lead the cheerblock in yells at the county.
Upper right, panther rooters hold their breaths at the exciting sectional.

The Panther Cubs had one of the best records in the state — 16 wins and 1 loss. The only defeat came at the hands of the Mississinewa Indiana by a 44 to 41 count. The outlook is bright for Panther teams of the future.

Portland	50	Union City	38
Portland	37	Berne	20
Portland	61	Royerton	39
Portland	41	Mississinewa	44
Portland	41	Dunkirk	29
Portland	38	Hagerstown	25
Portland	52	Hartford City	36
Portland	55	Pennville	23
Portland	43	Winchester	39
Portland	51	Montpelier	36

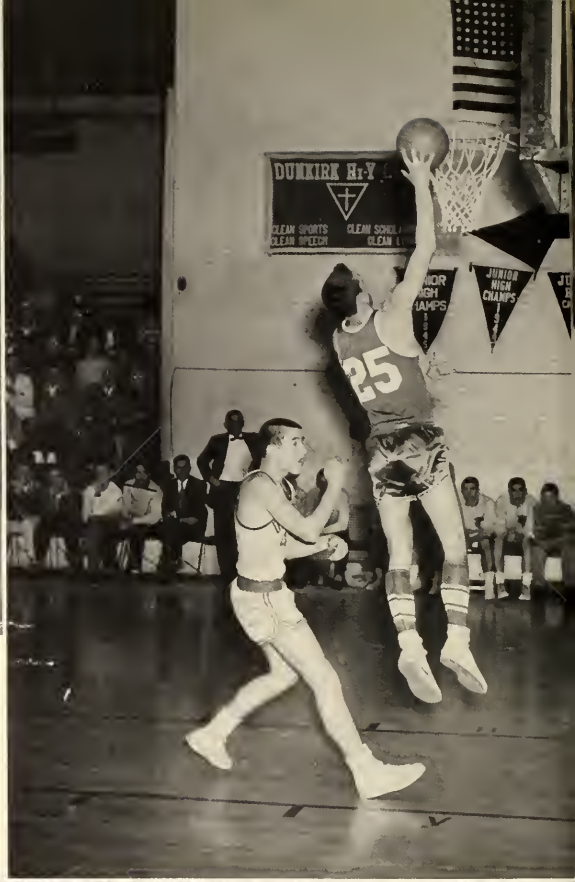
	28	Fairmount	22
Portland	38	Albany	26
Portland	49	Coldwater	44
Portland	44	Decatur	38
Portland	38	Bluffton	33

Second Team Tourney

Portland	42	Albany	24
Portland	46	Dunkirk	33

Second team: standing, Coach Wallace, Jerry Stansbury, Gary Runyon, Vernon Stipp, Ronnie Runyon, Duane Snyder, and second team yell leaders, Beth Sherman, Rasalie Spahr, Ruth Ann Theurer; kneeling, Roger Lee (student manager), Jerry Strausburg, Mike Conway, John Pyle, Eddie McKinley.

Meeker fights for a loose ball in the Dunkirk game.



In the county tournament finals VanSkyack gets the tip as other Panthers watch intently.

Bill Silvers drives in for one of his specialties.

Freshman basketball team, standing: Coach Goshert, Jerry Pyle, Ronnie Bashia, Jerry Stansbury, Garold Thomas, Dan Nelson, Lawerence Kile, student mgr. Kneeling: Dick Williams, Bob Smith, Merle Bayd, Steve Ronald, Stanley Kessler.

Eddie Williams leaps high for a shot against Bluffton.

Pensinger and Meeker go high for a rebound against Dunkirk.

FRESHMAN SCORES AND SCHEDULE:

Portland	26	Hartford City	38
Portland	37	Dunkirk	47
Portland	31	Royerton	38
Portland	41	Decatur	48
Portland	50	Bluffton	37
Portland	30	Hartford City	36
Portland	51	Coldwater	55
Portland	38	Dunkirk	31
Portland	43	Bluffton	26
Portland	35	Geneva	32
Portland	40	Royerton	58
Portland	33	Coldwater	44
Portland	60	Geneva	27

Freshman yell leaders: Alice Wetzler, Linda Tatman, Joy Butcher, Mary Bailey.

VanSkyock drives for two points as the Panthers moul the County and Big 4 Champs, Redkey.

Back row: Brown, Hastings, Martin, Stratton, W. Freeman, Brubaker, G. Runyon, Kennedy, W. Milligan, Gillespie, McClung, Coach Berry.
Middle row: Hedges, R. Runyon, Stump, Sipe, Gillette, Yeager, Weaver, Tullis, Hudson, Browne, T. Freeman, Norris.
Front row: DuJardin, Plummer, Young, Chenoweth, Antles, Starr, Elmore, Pyle, Milligan (student manager).

It was another good season for the Panther trackmen with a record of 4 wins and 4 losses. The Thinlies' 99-10 romp over Decatur was one of the most lopsided scores compiled in our track history.

Two new school records were set: one by Tom Freeman in the half-mile, which broke his own record; and the record set by Reuben Hedges in the shot put, which broke his brother Adlie's record.

Track

Norris watches as Hedges shot puts

SCORES

Portland 32	Mississinewa 68
Portland 34	Bluffton 75
Portland 20	Royerton 89
Portland 46	Winchester 63
Portland 92½	Dunkirk 70, Bryant 44½, Gray 8 (County)
Portland 99	Decatur 10
Portland 25½	Fairmount 33½, Winchester 34, Mississinewa 48½, Royerton 55 (M.V.C.)
Portland 55	Dunkirk 54
Portland 55	Hartford City 54

Elmore skims over the bar at 5 feet.

Weaver and Tullis are ready for the gun.

Coach Berry instructs Runyon, Antles, and DuJardin.

Baseball

Back row: Snyder, Silvers, Runkle, Shoemaker, Stevens, Strausburg, Williams, Jobe. Front row: Compton, Black, Strohl, Poole, Farber, DeBay.

SCORES

Portland	23	Pennville	5
Portland	3	Marion	15
Portland	10	Decatur	2
Portland	6	Winchester	0
Portland	12	Bluffton	11
Portland	9	Royerton	12
Portland	1	Royerton	0
Portland	5	Decatur	3
Portland	15	Winchester	1

Because of bad weather and other conflictions, the Panther baseball season was cut to nine games as compared with sixteen last year. The 7-2 record turned in by the team was one of the best in this area.

Hugh Strohl and Larry Poole led the Panther hitting attack with averages of .420 and .413. Poole, Black, and Van Skyock each had home runs. Williams, Strausburg, and Black did the hurling, with Williams tossing a beautiful one-hitter against Winchester.

Silvers beats out a hit to first, as the umpire watches closely.

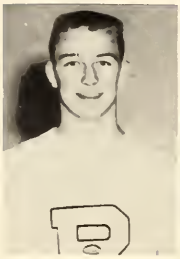
Chuck Bragg-Senior
Football

John Browne-Senior
Track

Lanny Brubaker-Senior
Track

Ronnie Compton-Senior
Baseball

Richard Elmore-Sophomore
Basketball
Football



Dick Farber-Junior
Baseball
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Larry Green-Senior
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Reuben Hedges-Senior
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Jim Hudson-Senior
Track

Art Kohler-Senior
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Roger Lee-Senior
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Eddie McKinley-Sophomore
Basketball

Dove Marsh-Senior
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Fred Martin-Junior
Football

Dick Meeker-Senior
Basketball
Football

Chuck Meinerding-Senior
Football

Wayne Norris-Junior
Football

Fred Pensinger-Senior
Bosketball
Football

1955 letter winners not shown: In track—Mike Antles, Tom Freeman, Norman Gillette, Max Grady, Rodney Sipe, Bill Tullis, Larry Yeager; and in baseball — Sam Shaemaker, Bill Stevens.

Lorry Poole-Senior
Baseball
Football
Bosketball

John Pyle-Sophomore
Track

Ron Runyon-Junior
Basketball
Track

Don Schlosser-Junior
Football

Bill Silvers-Senior
Baseball
Basketball
Football

Duane Snyder-Junior
Football

Melvin Starr-Junior
Football

Vernon Stipp-Sophomore
Basketball

Jerry Strausburg-Junior
Baseball
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Football

Hugh Strohl-Senior
Baseball

Mark Stump-Junior
Track

Larry VanSkyock-Senior
Baseball
Basketball

Eddie Williams-Junior
Baseball
Basketball
Football

Phil Young-Senior
Football

Strang men Farber, Arnold, and Browne support Stump, Young, and Ireland in head stands.

Hold that pyramid, boys! Bottom row: Farber, Young, Arnold, Browne. Row 2: Ireland, Kelly, Wright. Row 3: Stump, Adams, and the peak, Boyd.

A phys-ed class limbers up with calisthenics.

Activities

Seriously considering the problems of the Student Council are the advisers — Mrs. Longley (sponsor), Mrs. Cheek, Miss Parks, Mrs. Zuercher, and Mr. Smith; and (standing) the officers — Beth Sherman (secretary-treasurer) and Dick Meeker (president).

Student

Again this year the Student Council was responsible for many worthwhile projects in our school. Activities began in September with the annual freshman mixer. During the year the council sponsored a locker clean-up, outside clean-up, courtesy week, lunch milk sales, fan busses, convocation and auditorium programs, the single-fund drive, and noon sock-hops.

Among the varied programs sponsored by the auditorium committee were Charles King, baritone; the Powells, with their travelog of the Panama Highway; the Poe Theatre; and the Royal Scotts. Students participated in the observance of United Nations' Day and Lincoln's birthday and furnished the music for other programs. Among the monthly religious convocations planned by the convocation committee, the Easter program was especially impressive.

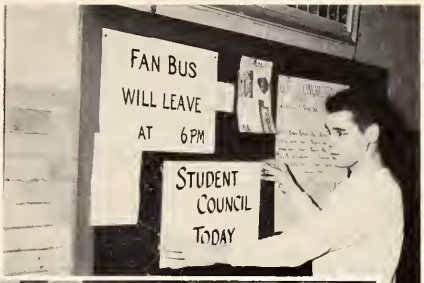
The talent show, discontinued since 1954, was presented again this year on March 9, and netted a neat sum for the treasury, as well as uncovering some heretofore unknown student talents.

Ronnie Hummer, Marilyn Jack, Melinda Kessler, David Schramm, and Philip Young represented P.H.S. at the 13th annual Purdue student legislative assembly and debators' conference. David received the honor of being named an outstanding representative.

A three-way student exchange, a new project, was carried on with Winchester, Hartford City, and Dunkirk. Starting with convocation, which featured all-student participation, the representatives of each school sat in on the classes of the students who had gone from P.H.S. to their schools. Redkey, who has no student council, a th the hope of organizing one in the near future. During a noon luncheon the guests, officers, exchange committee members, and faculty advisors exchanged suggestions for the improvement of their councils.

Five delegates attended the state convention on April 21 in Richmond and brought back many worthwhile suggestions. The council also hopes to send delegates to the national convention in Toledo, Ohio, in June.

Said President Dick Meeker, "We think the council has had a good year." And we all think so, too.



Vice-president Hugh Strohl tacks up the reminder of the next meeting.

Anxious for the success of their particular cammittees, the chairmen clear all plans through the council for best results: Melinda Kessler (convocation), Elizabeth Starr (single-fund), David Schramm (ways and means), Kay Sue Frakes (auditorium), and Marilyn Jack (orientation).

Council

Mixer, did you say? Well, I guess. *Everybody* joins in the bunny-hop!

Y-Teens

With a membership of 207, the largest in the history of the club, the Y-Teens had a successful year. A large sailboat of blue and white, entered in the homecoming parade, typified the theme of the year—"We Sail On." The freshman party and initiation brought all the girls together for their first social meeting. The dads' party featured a carry-in supper with entertainment by the speech class, who gave their version of TV's "I've Got a Secret."

While the fall dance was a "Jack-o-Lantern Jump" complete with witches, spooks, and masqueraders, the spring dance, always the highlight of the year, was a beautiful "Spring Fantasy."

Door pieces of evergreen branches for each classroom gave our school a festive air at Christmas time, and the girls again collected clothing for the Crusade for Children.

Helpful to the girls themselves was a series of three meetings: grooming, by girls who attended beauty school; personal improvement, by the Patricia Stevens Finishing School; and a fashion show.

Y-Teen, as it is a part of the Y.W.C.A., also stressed religion in the movie "One God" and in a panel from Purdue representing different faiths, races, and nationalities.

The year's program concluded with a combined party for mothers and seniors.

Committee chairmen coordinate plans for the year: Joy Moody, Avanelle Rippey, Suzanne Abromson, Susan Beard, Beth Sherman, Shirley Braun, Alice Whittington.

At left, Initiate Diane Kinsey lights her candle from President Myra Freeman's.

Below, sponsors and officers discuss details of the year's theme: Mrs. Hudson, Mrs. Crowe, Miss Byfield, Myra Jane Freeman (president), Marilyn Jack (vice-president), Juanita LeMaster (treasurer). Absent, Barbara Ware (secretary).

At right, oppasite page, more than a hundred girls join in the annual carol sing, December 14, for hospital patients and other shut-ins.

ap book. Standing: Charle
urer; Mr. Macklin, sponso
cretary. Not shown, Larry

HI-Y

Hi-Y's study a club manual: Front row, Mr. Harrod, Sponsor; John Browne, Secretary; Charles Bragg, President. Back row: Duance Snyder, Sergeant-at-Arms; Lanny Brubaker, Vice-President; Bob Bailey, Treasurer; Dick Meeker, Chaplain.

Starting from a small membership, the Hi-Y Club built up its organization to more than sixty. Money-making projects included the annual faculty ball game, February 9, and the concessions at two home basketball games. (Black derby hats, white shirts with colored sleeve bands, and supersalesmanship put this over with a bang.)

The gym was a real "Winter Wonderland" for the Club's annual Christmas dance, and special entertainment by an amateur magician (but good!) from Defiance, Ohio, (courtesy the Lions' Club) properly awed us.

Films and games added interest to the regular meetings, and detailed plans for future service to the school were made. The year ended with a senior party and the awarding of letters to Bob Bailey, Bill Boughman, Chuck Bragg, John Browne, Lanny Brubaker, Howard Hill, Keith Kochersperger, [illegible]ve Kropp, Dave Marsh, Dick Meeker, [illegible]rles Meinerding, Dave Rathbun, Dick Ri[illegible]nd Darrel Williamson.

Relaxing here are the VIP's of the club: Marty Bell (president), Sue Wishon (secretary), Pat Gibson (vice-president), Judy Jacobs (treasurer), and Mrs. Lawson (sponsor).

G.A.A.

The Girls' Athletic Association affords the girls of P.H.S. the opportunity to enjoy various types of sports other than those offered in regular [illegible] a fashion show.

Organization meetings are held twice a month on the first and third Monday evenings. On Thursday nights the girls may bowl between four and six o'clock.

G.A.A. girls from District 4 met at Markle High School in the spring for a "play day", an entire [illegible]nd games. Four sponsors [illegible]ball, ping pong, track, vo[illegible] baseball, and tumbling.

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[illegible]s Ryfield, Myra Jane Freem[illegible]

The ann[illegible]ored Pat Gibson and Wilma Gierhart, who earned G.A.A. letters.

Playing an exciting game of basketball is a favarite pastime of these G.A.A.'s.

F.F.A. boys review their scrap book. Standing: Charles Calhoun, reporter; Robert Vance, sentinel; John Logan, treasurer; Mr. Macklin, sponsor. Seated: Ronnie Hummer, president; and Herb Stratton, secretary. Not shown, Larry DeBoy, vice-president.

The Future Farmers of America began their club activities early in the summer with an ice cream social, followed by the summer district meeting and work on their three rented farms. A state workshop at Purdue and the local workshop for officers and sponsor, held annually at Dunes Park, helped the boys work out details for the year's projects.

The club sold garden seeds during the fall, and from November 1 to December 15 the boys were busy killing pests for the annual pest contest. Prizes for collecting the most points were won by Jimmie Miller, Ernie Imel, Jerry Morehous, and Milo Miller.

A television program, "How I Got Started In Farming," was presented over WOWO. A money-making project was the selling of front license tags for automobiles. The annual parent and son banquet was held on March 16. The club entered the contests held at the district meeting at Roan.

Ronnie Hummer was awarded a $25 savings bond for winning a blue ribbon in the sheet metal contest. The farm mechanics award went to Larry DeBoy; and the farm electric, to Herbert Stratton.

Below, top picture, Herb Stratton, Joe Wills, and John Zimmerman put finishing touches on the sign for the F.F.A. float in the homecoming parade.

Bottom picture, the boys check the results of their test plot for fertilizer experiments on their rented farm.

Many hands gather news for the PHSpirit. Here, copy assignments have just been made for the next issue: standing, Elizabeth Starr, Madeleine Rappe, Ann Linder, Gloria Cheeseman, Anita Sawicki; seated, Mr. Mullins (production adviser), Miss White (editorial adviser), Norma Jean Zorn, Sharon Butcher, Melinda Kessler, Lewis Montgomery, Norma Murphy.

PHSpirit

The P.H.Spirit endeavors to live up to all that its name implies—a reflection of the spirit of P.H.S. The staff members record the best that is said and done in our school. It is their business to record outstanding activities and interests of students for the student body, and they strive to catch the lighter as well as the darker moods; but above all, it is the policy of the paper to give an accurate portrait of life in P.H.S.

Everyone looked forward to the newsy articles and sparkling columns which the Spirit always featured.

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...nd Wilma Gierhart, w...
...rs.

Below, the e... scan first copies off the mimeograph: Mary Lou Champ (general manager of business department), Joy Moody (business manager), Sally Naas (editor-in-chief), and David Schramm (feature editor).

Editor Suzanne Abromson keeps her fingers on all the phases of work that publishing a yearbook requires.

Joy Moody, (Business Manager), Barbara Vold, (Activities Editor), and Kay Sue Frakes, (Associate Editor), scan possible photos under the watchful eye of Mrs. Stevenson, (Adviser).

Dick Meeker, (sports editor), looks over the shoulders of Sally Naas and Melinda Kessler, (faculty and Underclassman editors).

Typhoon Staff

Offset—a new process this year. Instead of the letterpress method of book production used by the Typhoon since its first volume in 1924, the staff this year decided to go off the deep end and experiment a little.

Offset (for those of you who are interested) uses no copper engravings and no letterpress to print the written material—just one process which makes a plate of a whole page of pictures and copy at one time. Like it? (Or can you tell the difference?)

The four salesmen—Chuck Bragg, Barbara Ware, Elizabeth Gagle, and John Logan enjoy friendly rivalry to see that not one prospect is left unsold.

Presiding at her typewriter is Mary Lou Champ, through whose capable hands all copy eventually passes.

Top row: R. Frank, Koch, Hilfiker, Settle, Hughes, Pusey, Tobias, Naos, Kessler, Whitenock, Rines, Green, Shreeve. Middle row: Freeman, Denney, Wetzler, Jenney, Teeters, Kohler, Johnson, Stevens, Bye, Olson, Gillespie, Elliott, Stroble, Myers. Front row: Sanders, Braun, Rappe, Abromson, Fennig, Greaf, Gavin, N. Schramm, Brown, Strauss, Gegenheimer, Burkholder, Wolford, Bone, Carlson.

Twirlers, clock-wise from the majorette: Pat Linder, Jacobs, Waitley, Baxter, Kinsey, Stoner, Gierhart.

Band officers: standing, Heniser and Holmes (librarians), Cummins (vice-president), Schramm (ass't. student director), Kessler (student director), Champ (secretary); seated, Whittington (president), and Theurer (treasurer).

Bigger, better, busier each year—that's the P.H.S. band! Pep sessions, football games, basketball games, plays, programs, Sunday afternoon concerts, the Jay County Fair, the Bluffton Street Fair, community functions —the list is endless.

Let's all throw our hats in the air for Brownie, without whose tireless effort, and patience none of this could be achieved.

Top row: Cummins, Towell, Baldauf, W. Linder, Williams, Jaqua, Hudson, Bashia, Starr, Hanlin, Plummer, Franklin. Middle row: Whittington, Heniser, Holmes, A. Linder, Laux, S. Frank, Runkle, Wiley, Puckett, Milligan, Kikendoll. Front row: P. Linder, Heidegger, Champ, D. Schramm, Bright, Sherman, Theurer, Greer, Bisel, Butcher, Gaodrich, Zuercher.

At left, the color guard: Robson, Loy, Wright, Kile.

Proudest possession of the band this year is the newly purchased kettle drums, shown here in the Kessler home where Melinda is learning to play them. A gift from the Band-Parents Organization, these drums add richness to all concert numbers.

A typical chorus class tunes up before singing.

There was never a silent moment in Room 8. Chorus classes began at 8:15; and all during activity period, first hour, and sixth hour, Mr. Harrod put the choristers through their daily paces. The first male vocal instructor in the history of P.H.S., Mr. Harrod is liked by all the many students in the department.

Chorus

As an extra-curricular activity of the regular band, the dance band group filled a place in the social activities of all P.H.S. students. They played at all the after-games dances at the Youth Center, for the freshman mixer, for Y-Teen and Hi-Y dances, and also numerous social functions in the community.

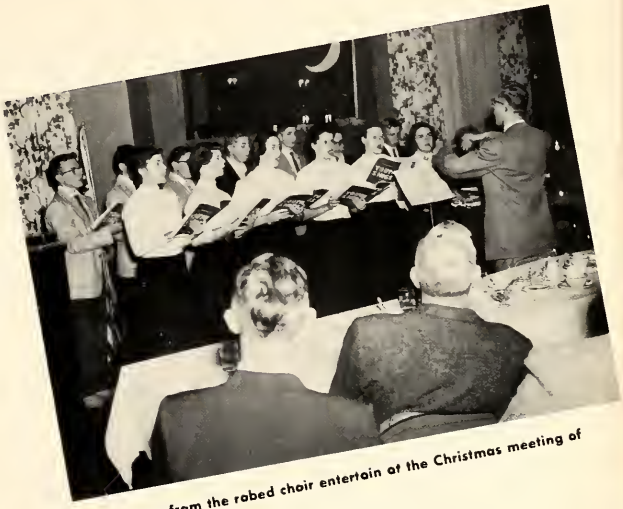
Dance Band

Standing: Hudson, A. Linder, Williams, Vold, Jaqua, Cummins, Starr, Hanlin. Second row, seated: Runkle, Heidegger, W. Linder, Baldauf, Towell, Plummer, Abromson, Boshia, Sanders, Schromm. Front row: Milligan, Whittington, Jenney, Frank, Heniser, Olson, Holmes, P. Linder, Zuercher.

Standing: Whittington, Ronald, L. Gillespie, Schramm, Hilfiker, Bashio, Silvers, Landers, White, Milligan, Cummins, Kessler, Timmons, Lykins, Shreeve, Waters, Towell. Seated: Whitenack, D. Gillespie, Hudson, Bond, Hill, Hanlin, Koch, Rathbun, Logan, Marsh, Mock, Meeker, Runkle.

Rehearsing each Wednesday morning during activity period, the boys' chorus managed to get in a lot of fun as well as practice.

Boys Chorus



A group from the robed choir entertain at the Christmas meeting of the Rotary Club.

Robed Choir

The fifty [redacted] the Robed Choir sang at various school and community affairs including the Kiwanis Community Sing, the EUB Church, and baccalaureate. They included in their repertoire both secular and religious numbers.

A girls' triple trio sang at a BPW party, the Y-Teen dad's party, the Hi-Y Christmas dance, and the February convocation.

Back row: Gillespie, D. Schramm, Hilfiker, Olsan, Runkle, Bashia, J. Whittington, Waters, Meeker, Cummins, Shreeve, S. Kessler, Towell, Milligan, Ronold. Third row: Macy, Brigham, M. Kessler, Naas, Carle, Starlin, Calhoun, Armstrong, Warnack, A. Whittington, P. Linder, Gillette. Second row: Rines, Freeman, Montgomery, Bone, Dilworth, Carlson, . N. Schramm, Greaf, Cheeseman, Spahr, Theurer, Mangold, Paling, Staut. Front row: A. Linder, Bright, Rappe, Sanders, Lutz, Degler, Abramsan, Vald, Smith, Turner.

Junior Play

Standing: David Schramm, Joyce King, Norma Jean Zorn, Janie Montgomery, Shirley Tyndall, Joyce Resur, Herbert Stratton, Kay Spencer, Richard Farber, Ronnie Hummer, Richard Kropp. Seated: Charles Calhoun, Sally Naas, Janice Blackford, Marilyn Jack, Melinda Kessler, Duane Snyder, Wayne Norris.

Inner Willy looks disgusted and Willoughby registers shock as Marybelle screams!

…in Storm," a comedy about the hilarious difficulties of a young man (David Schramm) with his conscience, was almost as side-splitting for the cast as it was for the capacity audiences who saw it on the evenings of November 3 and 4. Rehearsals almost broke up with hysteria at the antics of Inner Willy (Chuck Calhoun) and the dead-pan monosyllables of Marybelle (Sally Naas).

Stage and light helpers were Patty Kegerreis, John Robbins, Mark Stump, and John Zimmerman. Sandra Jordan and Marjorie Sanders did the make-up, and Mr. Settle was play director.

Above, the culprit has been found —the climox of "Finders Creepers"! Sharon Butcher, Bill Silvers, Judy Price, David Rathbun, Barbara Ware, John Logan, Dick Meeker, Phil Young, Joann Conway, Pat Warnock, Elizabeth Starr, and Richard Gilkison. Insert: Miss Byfield, a P.H.S. newcomer, directed the play. Middle, the stage hands are essential to a good play as proved by Carl Heidegger, Keith Kochersperger, Bob Bailey, Lee Bone, Chuck Bragg, and Brenda Waitley (the woman's viewpoint). Below, an abundance of hustle and bustle behind the scenes: Make-up girls Thelma Thompson, Juanita LeMaster, Myra Freeman, Phyllis Lay, and Nancy McFarland perform last minute repairs on Jim Whittington, John Browne, and Elizabeth Calhoun.

Senior Play

Back row: Gillespie, Milligan, Settle, Bright, Heniser, Holmes, P. Linder, Luginbill, Green, Ronald. Third row: Kennedy, W. Zuercher, Plummer, Frank, Whitenack, Jaqua, Hudson, Cline, Towell, Hummel, W. Linder. Second row: Wetzler, Fennig, Degler, Turner, Hughes, Olson, Goodrich, R. Rines, A. Rines, Campbell, Chittum. Front row: Miss Porks, Peterson, Stroble, Teeters, Bailey, Strock, Ducy, K. Zuercher, Schramm, Greaf, Iliff, Puckett.

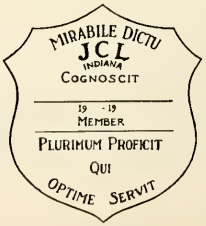
J.C.L.

Linn Hummel, John Plummer, and John Jaqua join the line for refreshments.

Members of Junior Classical League have fun with Latin. Roman patricians rub elbows with toga-clad slaves, and meetings that open with the ceremony of feeding corn to the sacred chickens for a favorable omen from the gods wind up with potato chips and cokes down in the kitchen!

When the goddess Victoria (Annelle Rines) crowned a gladiator dressed in purple and white (Tom Kennedy), while another gladiator (Billy Zuercher, wearing the black and gold of Hartford City), lay defeated at the other end of the float, the J.C.L. entry in the homecoming parade won a prize.

Below is the design for a membership card which the P.H.S. J.C.L. submitted in a contest held by the state organization. It won the contest! It is now the official design.



Guarde Vd. ese hombre!

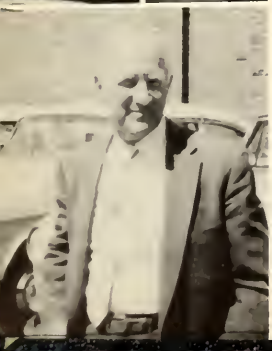
Spanish Club

"Los Conquistadores de Español" (the conquerors of Spanish), the new club organized to learn more about the bull fights, "piñatas", hat dances, and historical background of Spain and Mexico was set up under a group of four officers and an executive council composed of class representatives. Janie Montgomery was President; Melinda Kessler, Vice-President; Sally Naas, Secretary; and Gloria Cheeseman, Treasurer. Marjorie Sanders, Diane Kinsey, and Jay Hudson made up the Executive Council.

Biggest event of the year was a hilarious basketball game between the "Fabulous Faculty" (lady teachers) and the "Super Señoritas" (Spanish club girls).

The arrival of club pins (shown above) and a fiesta with a banquet featuring tamales, tartillas, and enchiladas concluded the year.

Back row: Freeman, Bashia, Stipp, McKinley, Huey, Miller, Young, Timmons. Third row: Hudson, Ware, Mock, Hanlin, Shultz, Bourne, Ehrhart, S. Kessler. Second row: David Priest, Sanders, Diane Priest, Baxter, Jenney, Naas, M. Kessler, Bash, Beals. Front row: Kinsey, Frank, Myers, Waitley, Cheeseman, Denney, Montgomery, Nelson, Miss Byfield.



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The following is a portion of a memorial service presented by a student during convocation on Wednesday morning, April 18, 1956.

When Mary of Bethany broke the box of precious ointment and poured it on Jesus' head, it was an act for which no one else saw any occasion: the disciples said that it was a waste. But Jesus commended Mary for her act of devotion, and said that whereever His gospel was preached "this also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her." Our Lord is pleased when He sees any of us doing what Mary did — not being set on this or that selfish desire, but being abandoned to Him.

Such a life of service and devotion was that of our teacher, Mrs. Cheek.

Her students found in her a most considerate and understanding teacher. She was one who worked without conflicts with faculty and students alike. She was always ready to render service in an efficient and unselfish manner.

How unassuming in our midst she stood
Or spoke in grateful praise!
What grace of Christian womanhood
Was in her gentle ways!

She kept her line of rectitude
With love's unconscious ease;
Her kindly instincts understood
All gentle courtesies.

For still her gracious living meant
No duty left undone;
The heavenly and the human blent
Their kindred loves in one.

The dear Lord's best interpreters
Are humble human souls;
The story of a life like hers
Is more than books or scrolls.

—Adapted from John Greenleaf Whittier

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